

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

**STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

TIME: 11:06 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

June 11, 2024

1 State Board of Social Workers,
2 Marriage and Family Therapists,
3 and Professional Counselors
4 June 11, 2024

5
6
7 BOARD MEMBERS:

8
9 Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., NCC, CCMHC, LPC, Chair
10 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
11 Professional and Occupational Affairs
12 Richard Joseph Behun, Ph.D., LPC, NCC, ACS
13 Farida E. Boyer, MS, LMFT, AS
14 Eric DeCriscio, MA, LPC, ACS
15 Kimberly Early, LSW
16 Erika Evans-Weaver, Ph.D., LMFT, Vice Chair
17 Linda A. Martin, LCSW, RN - Absent
18
19

20 BUREAU PERSONNEL:

21
22 Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel
23 Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
24 and Prosecution Liaison
25 Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
26 Patrick M. Greene, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
27 Berk V. Demiral, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
28 Adam J. Williams, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
29 Courtney J. Restemayer, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
30 Sarah E. McNeill, Board Administrator
31 KaVaughn Webb, Board Administrator
32 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Deputy Policy Director,
33 Department of State
34 Carlton Smith, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution
35 Division
36 Holly Hoffman, Law Clerk, Department of State
37
38

39 ALSO PRESENT:

40
41 Allan M. Tepper, J.D., Psy.D., Esquire
42 Johanna Byrd, ACSW, IOM, CAE, Executive Director,
43 National Association of Social Workers,
44 Pennsylvania Chapter
45 Margaret Maxwell
46 Leah King, Move Forward Counseling
47 Margo Campbell
48 Melissa Fisher
49 Kathleen Richardson
50

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36
37
38
39
40
41
42
43
44
45
46
47
48
49
50
51

State Board of Social Workers,
Marriage and Family Therapists,
and Professional Counselors
June 11, 2024

ALSO PRESENT: (cont.)

Lis Cristina Santamaria Garcia
Harshal
James Ellison
Rachel Wilbur-Adams, Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

1 ***

2 State Board of Social Workers,
3 Marriage and Family Therapists
4 and Professional Counselors

5 June 11, 2024

6 ***

7 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
8 at 9:00 a.m., the Board entered into Executive
9 Session with Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel,
10 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
11 deliberations on a number of matters currently
12 pending before the Board and to receive the advice of
13 counsel. The Board entered into public session at
14 11:00 a.m.]

15 ***

16 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
17 Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family
18 Therapists, and Professional Counselors was held on
19 Tuesday, June 11, 2024. Michelle Santiago, Psy.D.,
20 NCC, CCMHC, LPC, Chair, called the meeting to order
21 at 11:06 a.m.

22 ***

23 [Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
24 everyone that the meeting was being recorded, and
25 those who continued to participate were giving their

1 consent to be recorded.

2 Mr. Barrett also noted the Board entered into
3 Executive Session for the purpose of conducting
4 quasi-judicial deliberations on a number of matters
5 that are currently pending before the Board and to
6 receive the advice of counsel.]

7 ***

8 Roll Call of Board Members/Introduction of Attendees
9 [KaVaughn Webb, Board Administrator, provided a roll
10 call of Board members and introduction of attendees.]

11 ***

12 [Eric DeCriscio, MA, LPC, ACS, was unable to vote on
13 the next two motions due to not having camera
14 capabilities.]

15 ***

16 Amendment of the Agenda

17 MR. BARRETT:

18 I want to do a motion to amend the
19 agenda to add a Motion to Deem Facts
20 Admitted. The Case is Melissa
21 Jenereski, Case No. 23-69-005541.

22 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

23 I will entertain that motion. Could I
24 have a motion, please?

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 So moved.

2 MS. EARLY:

3 Second.

4 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

5 Any further discussion? Could we have
6 the roll call vote, please?

7

8 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
9 aye; Boyer, aye; Early, aye; Evans,
10 aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Barrett noted
12 the amended agenda will be posted on the Board's
13 website within 24 hours.]

14

15 Approval of minutes of the April 23, 2024 meeting

16 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

17 We have the approval of draft minutes.
18 Are there any additions or editorial
19 things? Seeing none.

20 Could I have a motion please?

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 So moved.

23 MS. EARLY:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

1 Any other further discussion? Seeing
2 none. Could we have the vote, please?

3
4 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
5 aye; Boyer, abstain; Early, aye; Evans,
6 abstain.

7 [The motion carried. Farida Boyer and Erika Evans
8 abstained from voting on the motion.]

9 ***

10 [Eric DeCriscio, MA, LPC, ACS, regained camera
11 capabilities and voted on motions moving forward.]

12 ***

13 Report of Prosecutorial Division

14 [Heather J. McCarthy, Esquire, Senior Board
15 Prosecutor and Board Prosecution Liaison, presented
16 the Consent Agreement for Case No. 23-69-000067.

17 Allan M. Tepper, J.D., Psy.D., Esquire, counsel
18 for the respondent, was present and participated in
19 the discussion regarding Case No. 23-69-000067.

20 Ms. McCarthy presented the Consent Agreements for
21 Case No. 24-69-002830 and Case No. 24-69-006646.]

22 ***

23 MR. BARRETT:

24 Based on the report of prosecution,
25 does any member of the Board wish to

1 reenter Executive Session for further
2 discussion? Hearing none.

3 Based on the Executive Session
4 deliberations on these matters, I
5 believe the Board Chair would entertain
6 a motion to approve the Consent
7 Agreements at item 2 on the agenda,
8 Case No. 23-69-000067; agenda item 3,
9 Case No. 24-69-002830; and agenda item
10 4, Case No. 24-69-006646.

11 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

12 May I have a motion, please?

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 So moved.

15 MS. EARLY:

16 Second.

17 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

18 Board administrator, KaVaughn, would
19 you please give the roll call vote?

20
21 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
22 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
23 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

24 [The motion carried. Richard Behun abstained from
25 voting on the motion. The Respondent's name at item

1 2 is Brian Poling, LPC. The Respondent's name at
2 item 3 is Heather Ann Christensen, LCSW.]

3

4 [Jason T. Anderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
5 presented the Consent Agreements for Case No. 23-69-
6 017310. Michelle Santiago, Linda Martin, and Erika
7 Evans recused themselves from deliberations regarding
8 Case No. 23-69-017310. Board members Michelle
9 Santiago and Erika Evans recused themselves during
10 Executive Session. Board member Linda Martin was not
11 present during Executive Session deliberations.

12 Mr. Anderson presented the Consent Agreement for
13 Case No. 24-69-005229.]

14

15 MR. BARRETT:

16 Based on the report of prosecution,
17 does any member of the Board wish to
18 reenter Executive Session for
19 deliberations?

20

21 Based on the Executive Session
22 deliberations, I believe the Board
23 Chair would entertain a motion to adopt
24 the Consent Agreement at agenda item 5,
25 Case No. 23-69-017310.

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

1 Could I have a motion, please?

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3 So moved.

4 MS. EARLY:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

7 Any other discussion? Could we have
8 the roll call vote, please?

9

10 Santiago, recuse; Claggett, aye; Behun,
11 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
12 aye; Evans, recuse.

13 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago and Erika
14 Evans recused themselves from deliberations and
15 voting on the motion. The Respondent's name is Fawn
16 Elizabeth Fletcher, LSW.]

17 ***

18 MR. BARRETT:

19 Item 6, Case No. 24-69-005229. Based
20 on Executive Session deliberations, I
21 believe the Board Chair would entertain
22 a motion to approve the Consent
23 Agreement at that number.

24 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

25 May I have a motion, please?

1 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

2 So moved.

3 MS. EARLY:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

6 Any other discussion? Seeing none.

7 Could we have the roll call vote,
8 please?

9

10 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
11 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
12 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

13 [The motion carried. Richard Behun abstained from
14 voting on the motion. The Respondent's name is Jacob
15 Chase Faust, LSW.]

16

17 Report of Board Counsel - Final Adjudications and
18 Orders

19 MR. BARRETT:

20 Based on Executive Session
21 deliberations, I believe the Board
22 Chair would entertain a motion to
23 approve the Final Adjudication and
24 Order at item 10, Melissa Ann Fisher,
25 Case No. 23-69-001374.

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 Could I have a motion for item 10?

3 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

4 So moved.

5 MS. EARLY:

6 Second.

7 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

8 Any additional discussion, Board
9 members? Seeing none. Could we have
10 the vote, please?

11

12 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,
13 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
14 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

15 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the
16 motion. Richard Behun abstained from voting on the
17 motion.]

18

19 MR. BARRETT:

20 Item 11. Based on Executive Session
21 deliberations, I believe the Board
22 Chair would entertain a motion to
23 approve the Final Adjudication and
24 Order at item 11, Lis Cristina
25 Santamaria Garcia, Case No. 23-69-

1 002376.

2 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

3 May I have a motion, please?

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5 So moved.

6 MS. EARLY:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

9 Any additional discussion, Board
10 members? Seeing none. Could we have
11 the roll call vote, please?

12
13 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
14 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
15 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

16 [The motion carried. Richard Behun abstained from
17 voting on the motion.]

18 ***

19 MR. BARRETT:

20 Item 12. Based on Executive Session
21 deliberations, I believe the Board
22 Chair would entertain a motion to
23 approve the Final Adjudication and
24 Order at item 12, Brooke M. Kapustic,
25 Case No. 23-69-000080.

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 I will entertain that motion. Could I
3 have a motion, please?

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5 So moved.

6 MS. EARLY:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

9 Any further discussion, Board members?
10 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
11 call vote, please?

12

13 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
14 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
15 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

16 [The motion carried. Richard Behun abstained from
17 voting on the motion.]

18

19 MR. BARRETT:

20 Melissa Jenereski, Case No. 23-69-
21 005541. Board Chair Santiago and Erika
22 Evans recused themselves from any
23 deliberation of this in Executive
24 Session.

25

Based on Executive Session

1 deliberations, I believe the Board
2 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
3 the Motion to Deem Facts Admitted and
4 direct Board Counsel to draft an
5 Adjudication and Order consistent with
6 discussions in Executive Session.

7 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

8 May I have a motion, please?

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

10 So moved.

11 MS. EARLY:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 Any other discussion? Could we have
15 the roll call vote, please?

16
17 Santiago, recuse; Claggett, aye; Behun,
18 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
19 Early, aye; Evans, recuse.

20 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago and Erika
21 Evans recused themselves from deliberations and
22 voting on the motion. Richard Behun abstained from
23 voting on the motion.]

24 ***

25 Review of Applications

1 MR. BARRETT:

2 Item 15. Based on Executive Session
3 deliberations, I believe the Board
4 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
5 the Application for Professional
6 Counselor by Examination of Danielle
7 Remley.

8 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

9 May I have a motion, please?

10 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

11 So moved.

12 MS. EARLY:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

15 Any other discussion? Seeing none.
16 Could we have the roll call vote,
17 please?

18
19 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
20 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
21 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

22 [The motion carried. Richard Behun abstained from
23 voting on the motion.]

24 ***

25 MR. BARRETT:

1 Item 16. Based on Executive Session
2 deliberations, I believe the Board
3 Chair would entertain a motion to
4 provisionally deny the Application for
5 Professional Counselor by Examination
6 of Elizabeth Mitch.

7 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

8 May I have a motion, please?

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

10 So moved.

11 MS. EARLY:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 Any other discussion? Seeing none.
15 Could we have the roll call vote,
16 please?

17

18 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
19 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
20 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

21 [The motion carried. Richard Behun abstained from
22 voting on the motion.]

23

24 MR. BARRETT:

25 Item 17. Based on Executive Session

1 deliberations, I believe the Board
2 Chair would entertain a motion to
3 provisionally deny the Application for
4 Professional Counselor by Examination
5 of Kelly Kuzmanko.

6 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

7 May I have a motion, please?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 So moved.

10 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

11 Could I have a second?

12 MS. EARLY:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

15 Any other discussion, Board members?

16 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
17 call vote, please?

18

19 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
20 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
21 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

22 [The motion carried. Richard Behun abstained from
23 voting on the motion.]

24

25 MR. BARRETT:

1 Item 18. Based on Executive Session
2 deliberations, I believe the Board
3 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
4 the Application for Professional
5 Counselor by Examination of Lauren
6 Vieweg.

7 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

8 May I have a motion, please?

9 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

10 So moved.

11 MS. EARLY:

12 Second.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 Any other discussion, Board members?
15 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
16 call vote, please?

17

18 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
19 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
20 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

21 [The motion carried. Richard Behun abstained from
22 voting on the motion.]

23

24 MR. BARRETT:

25 Item 19. Based on Executive Session

1 deliberations, I believe the Board
2 Chair would entertain a motion to
3 provisionally deny the Application for
4 Professional Counselor by Examination
5 of Lis Cristina Santamaria Garcia.

6 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

7 Could I have a motion, please?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 So moved.

10 MS. EARLY:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

13 Any other discussion, Board members?
14 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
15 call vote, please?

16

17 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
18 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
19 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

20 [The motion carried. Richard Behun abstained from
21 voting on the motion.]

22

23 MR. BARRETT:

24 Item 20. Based on Executive Session
25 deliberations, I believe the Board

1 Chair would entertain a motion to
2 provisionally deny the Application for
3 Marriage and Family Therapist by
4 Examination of Lis Cristina Santamaria
5 Garcia.

6 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

7 May I have a motion, please?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 So moved.

10 MS. EARLY:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

13 Any other discussion, Board members?
14 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
15 call vote, please?

16

17 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
18 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
19 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

20 [The motion carried. Richard Behun abstained from
21 voting on the motion.]

22

23 Review of Applications - Act 41 Review

24 MR. BARRETT:

25 Item 21 on the agenda. Based on

1 Executive Session deliberations, I
2 believe the Board Chair would entertain
3 a motion to approve the Application of
4 Arlene Hayles for Licensure as a Social
5 Worker by Examination.

6 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

7 Could I have a motion, please?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 So moved.

10 MS. EARLY:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

13 Any other discussion, Board members?
14 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
15 call vote, please?

16

17 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,
18 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
19 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

20 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the
21 motion. Richard Behun abstained from voting on the
22 motion.]

23

24 MR. BARRETT:

25 Item 22. Based on Executive Session

1 deliberations, I believe the Board
2 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
3 the Application of Mark Cerberville for
4 a Social Worker by Examination under
5 Act 41.

6 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

7 Could I have a motion, please?

8 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

9 So moved.

10 MS. EARLY:

11 Second.

12 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

13 Any other discussion, Board members?
14 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
15 call vote, please?

16

17 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
18 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
19 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

20 [The motion carried. Richard Behun abstained from
21 voting on the motion.]

22

23 MR. BARRETT:

24 Item 23. Based on Executive Session
25 deliberations, I believe the Board

1 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
2 the Application of Mondy Dorsainvil for
3 a Social Worker under Act 41.

4 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

5 Could I have a motion, please?

6 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

7 So moved.

8 MS. EARLY:

9 Second.

10 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

11 Any other discussion, Board members?
12 There is none. Could we have the roll
13 call vote, please?

14
15 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,
16 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
17 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

18 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the
19 motion. Richard Behun abstained from voting on the
20 motion.]

21 ***

22 MR. BARRETT:

23 Item 24. Based on Executive Session
24 deliberations, I believe the Board
25 Chair would entertain a motion to grant

1 the Application of Kanako Okunda for a
2 Clinical Social Worker by Endorsement.

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 Could I have a motion, please?

5 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

6 So moved.

7 MS. EARLY:

8 Second.

9 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

10 Any further discussion, Board members?

11 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
12 call vote, please?

13

14 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
15 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
16 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

17 [The motion carried. Richard Behun abstained from
18 voting on the motion.]

19

20 MR. BARRETT:

21 Item 25. Based on Executive Session
22 deliberations, I believe the Board
23 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
24 the Application of Caitlin Fillmore
25 for a License as a Professional

1 Counselor by Endorsement.

2 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

3 Could I have a motion, please?

4 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

5 So moved.

6 MS. EARLY:

7 Second.

8 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

9 Any further discussion, Board members?

10 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
11 call vote, please?

12

13 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
14 abstain; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye;
15 Early, aye; Evans, aye.

16 [The motion carried. Richard Behun abstained from
17 voting on the motion.]

18

19 MR. BARRETT:

20 Item 26. Based on Executive Session
21 deliberations, I believe the Board
22 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
23 the Application of Jocelyn Womack for a
24 Professional Counselor by Endorsement.

25 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

1 Could I have a motion, please?

2 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

3 So moved.

4 MS. EARLY:

5 Second.

6 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

7 Any further discussion, Board members?

8 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
9 call vote, please?

10

11 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,
12 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
13 aye; Evans, aye.

14 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the
15 motion.]

16

17 MR. BARRETT:

18 Item 28. Based on Executive Session
19 deliberations, I believe the Board
20 Chair would entertain a motion to
21 approve the Application of Margaret
22 Maxwell for a License as a Professional
23 Counselor by Endorsement.

24 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

25 May I have a motion, please?

1 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

2 So moved.

3 MS. EARLY:

4 Second.

5 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

6 Any further discussion, Board members?

7 Could we have the roll call vote,
8 please?

9

10 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
11 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
12 aye; Evans, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

14

15 MR. BARRETT:

16 Item 27. Based on Executive Session
17 deliberations, I believe the Board
18 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
19 the License for a Professional
20 Counselor by Endorsement of Lynn
21 Goodwin.

22 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

23 May I have a motion, please?

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

25 So moved.

1 MS. EARLY:

2 Second.

3 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

4 Any further discussion? Seeing none.
5 Could we have the roll call vote,
6 please?

7

8 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
9 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
10 aye; Evans, aye.

11 [The motion carried unanimously.]

12 ***

13 MR. BARRETT:

14 Item 29. Based on Executive Session
15 deliberations, I believe the Board
16 Chair would entertain a motion to grant
17 the Application of Chandler Dandridge
18 for a Marriage and Family Therapist by
19 Endorsement.

20 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

21 Could I have a motion, please?

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 So moved.

24 MS. EARLY:

25 Second.

1 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

2 Any further discussion, Board members?
3 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
4 call vote, please?

5

6 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,
7 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
8 aye; Evans, aye.

9 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the
10 motion.]

11

12 MR. BARRETT:

13 Item 30. Based on Executive Session
14 deliberations, I believe the Board
15 Chair would entertain a motion to
16 approve the Application of Lauren Rosen
17 for a License as a Marriage and Family
18 Therapist by Endorsement.

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 Could I have a motion, please?

21 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

22 So moved.

23 MS. EARLY:

24 Second.

25 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

1 Any further discussion, Board members?
2 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
3 call vote, please?

4
5 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,
6 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
7 aye; Evans, aye.

8 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the
9 motion.]

10 ***

11 MR. BARRETT:

12 Item 31. Based on Executive Session
13 deliberations, I believe the Board
14 Chair would entertain a motion to
15 approve Monique De Lemos for a License
16 as a Marriage and Family Therapist by
17 Endorsement.

18 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

19 Could I have a motion, please?

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

21 So moved.

22 MS. EARLY:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

25 Any further discussion, Board members?

1 Could we have the roll call vote,
2 please?

3
4 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
5 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
6 aye; Evans, aye.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

8 ***

9 MR. BARRETT:

10 Item 32. Based on Executive Session
11 deliberations, I believe the Board
12 Chair would entertain a motion to
13 approve the Application of Natasha
14 Morisawa for a License as a Marriage
15 and Family Therapist by Endorsement.

16 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

17 Could I have a motion, please?

18 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

19 So moved.

20 MS. EARLY:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

23 Any further discussion, Board members?
24 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
25 call vote, please?

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,
aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
aye; Evans, aye.

[The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the
motion.]

MR. BARRETT:

Item 33. Based on Executive Session
deliberations, I believe the Board
Chair would entertain a motion to
provisionally deny the Application of
Stacey Fruman for a Marriage and Family
Therapist by Endorsement.

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

Could I have a motion, please?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

So moved.

MS. EARLY:

Second.

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

Any further discussion, Board members?
Seeing none. Could we have the roll
call vote, please?

1 Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
2 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,
3 aye; Evans, aye.

4 [The motion carried unanimously.]

5 ***

6 MR. BARRETT:

7 Item 34. Based on Executive Session
8 deliberations, I believe the Board
9 Chair would entertain a motion to
10 approve the Application of Stacey
11 McGuirl for a License as a Marriage and
12 Family Therapist by Endorsement.

13 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

14 Could I have a motion, please?

15 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

16 So moved.

17 MS. EARLY:

18 Second.

19 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

20 Any further discussion, Board members?

21 Seeing none. Could we have the roll
22 call vote, please?

23

24 Santiago, nay; Claggett, aye; Behun,
25 aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,

1 aye; Evans, aye.

2 [The motion carried. Michelle Santiago opposed the
3 motion.]

4 ***

5 Review of Applications - Continuing Education
6 Applications

7 MR. BARRETT:

8 Items 35 and 36. Based on Executive
9 Session deliberations, I believe the
10 Board Chair would entertain a motion to
11 approve the Preapproved Provider
12 Applications of Child Guidance Resource
13 Centers and Spectra Support Services
14 LLC.

15 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

16 I will entertain that motion. Could I
17 have a motion?

18 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

19 So moved.

20 MS. EARLY:

21 Second.

22 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

23 Any further discussion, Board members?
24 There is none. Could we have the roll,
25 KaVaughn, please?

1

2

Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,

3

aye; Boyer, aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early,

4

aye; Evans, aye.

5

[The motion carried unanimously.]

6

7

[Kimberly Early, LSW, exited the meeting at

8

11:50 a.m.]

9

10 Report of Board Counsel

11 [Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed

12 Board members that House Bill 1841, House Bill 2272,

13 and House Bill 2300 are all pending and in committee

14 at this point. He noted there is no movement but

15 will keep the Board updated.

16 Mr. Barrett noted House Bill 1841 is regarding

17 Social Work Licensure Compact enabling legislation.

18 He stated House Bill 2272 was just introduced and

19 gives a stipend to social work master students who

20 meet certain criteria.

21 Mr. Barrett also noted House Bill 2300 is the

22 Counseling Compact enabling legislation.

23 Chair Santiago asked what enabling means for

24 House Bill 1841 and House Bill 2300.

25 Mr. Barrett explained that each state has to pass

1 legislation that puts the state into the compact,
2 where the legislation lets them join the compact and
3 set up a framework for the compact within their
4 state.

5 Chair Santiago also asked who is making this
6 happen for the Social Work Compact and the Counseling
7 Compact.

8 Mr. Barrett explained that a bill can be
9 introduced by one or two representatives but does not
10 mean there is broad support behind it. He stated the
11 bills were introduced by a member of the House and
12 then is introduced to committee and considered within
13 the committee.

14 Mr. Barrett further explained that after the
15 House passes the bill that it would need a similar
16 resolution from the Senate and then the governor
17 would also have to sign off on the bill for it to
18 become law. He mentioned that they typically get
19 requests from the governor for a bill analysis, which
20 means the bill may be moving. He believed the Social
21 Work Compact was introduced in November and the
22 Counseling Compact to be a more recent introduction.]

23 ***

24 [A Formal Hearing was held from 11:56 a.m. till
25 12:33 p.m. in the Matter of Cindy Bello, Case No. 23-

1 69-013572.]

2

3 Regulatory Report - Act 4 of 2024 - PA General
4 Assembly

5 [Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
6 Board members that he met with Ms. Wolfgang to
7 discuss the Act 4 regulation. He stated Act 4 gave
8 the Board the ability to require continuing education
9 (CE) as a condition of license renewal for the
10 associate license, but the Board had a question as to
11 whether CE was appropriate because no CE is required
12 for anyone undergoing supervised experience.

13 Mr. Barrett mentioned that Ms. Wolfgang suggested
14 the Board have the child abuse CE and suicide
15 prevention CE.

16 Mr. DeCriscio commented that a licensed associate
17 counselor (LAC) should be required to meet the same
18 CE requirements as a licensed professional counselor
19 (LPC) biennially.

20 Mr. Barrett noted that an LAC is always
21 undergoing continuing education training by being
22 supervised and pointed out that it could be a number
23 of hours tacked on to the existing licensed counselor
24 requirements but did not know the practical effect of
25 someone being supervised and whether that is going to

1 dilute their ability to accomplish those hours in a
2 more efficient manner or what sort of burden that
3 would add.

4 Mr. DeCriscio did not believe it would be any
5 more burdensome to them than LPCs in terms of
6 continuing education and maybe could be after three
7 years of earning their LAC to complete a certain
8 amount of acquired continuing education units (CEUs).

9 Mr. Barrett explained that the easiest way may be
10 to tack the LAC license onto their continuing
11 education regulations, so it is not a separate CE for
12 just the LACs or family therapists and would discuss
13 it with Ms. Wolfgang.

14 Mr. Barrett referred to the statutory fees,
15 noting the Budget Office usually determines the
16 appropriate fee and may have an update in the
17 upcoming months.

18 Mr. Barrett mentioned that the focus of Act 4 is
19 the supervision plan, including a detailed job
20 description and location where client contact and
21 supervision will occur. He noted that could be
22 defined in the regulations as to what the Board would
23 like to include in the supervision plan.

24 Chair Santiago commented that the detailed job
25 description is for the person who is the LAC.

1 Mr. Barrett explained that it is the detailed job
2 description of what they will be doing at the
3 supervised location, as well as the location where
4 client contact under supervision will occur, and not
5 the supervisor's job description.

6 Chair Santiago asked whether it would be
7 important to add original paperwork when someone is a
8 supervisor to folks applying for an LAC so LACs
9 understand it is 1500 hours with an LPC and 1500
10 hours with a related field. She believed that should
11 also be part of the supervision plan, so people do
12 not think someone could supervise them when they
13 cannot.

14 Mr. Barrett commented that there will probably be
15 some sort of form at the end of it once the
16 regulations are hashed out. He referred to another
17 section in Act 4 that says an associate, marriage and
18 family therapist, and counselor at the related
19 section, where it is under the supervision of a
20 licensed supervisor acceptable to the Board and in
21 accordance with the Board's regulation.

22 Mr. Barrett mentioned that they might have to
23 flush that out or may be done through their current
24 regulations by modifying them a little bit to read
25 cleaner with the LAC and the licensed associate

1 marriage and family therapist (LAMFT) license to make
2 it fit. He mentioned that they are currently using
3 the regulatory framework for supervisors.

4 Ms. McNeill stated applicants who have only
5 identified as currently having a clinical social
6 worker supervisor provide a statement that they
7 understand they must have 1500 hours under a licensed
8 professional counselor as defined in § 49.31.

9 Mr. Barrett asked whether there is anything they
10 need to specifically include other than what is
11 statutorily listed. He mentioned that telling people
12 whether or not they need different supervision for
13 the last half is good and was not sure whether they
14 can put that anywhere at this point other than
15 correctly letting them know when they apply.

16 Chair Santiago commented that both supervisors
17 and supervisees have rights and asked what penalties
18 they would be facing if a supervisee happens to get
19 themselves in trouble as an LAC.

20 Mr. Barrett believed the penalties would be the
21 same as an LPC but would take a look at that as to
22 whether those currently apply. He asked whether
23 there is a contract between the supervisor and the
24 supervisee.

25 Chair Santiago explained that it depends on where

1 a person works. She mentioned she supervises and has
2 a supervision contract with supervisees. She
3 mentioned that some people work at agencies who get a
4 supervisor who is not an LPC but is still considered
5 a clinical supervisor.

6 Mr. Barrett noted that he did not want to add
7 something that was not standard.

8 Mr. DeCriscio commented that it is best practices
9 to have that supervision contract in place, and folks
10 who supervise privately are encouraged to have that
11 in place. He mentioned that agencies develop
12 supervision contracts and is in favor of having a
13 supervision contract.

14 Mr. Barrett noted the Board would have to define
15 what is in a supervision contract to provide guidance
16 to people who may not be entering into contracts.

17 Mr. DeCriscio suggested providing a template or
18 sample online for supervisors and supervisees for
19 their reference.

20 Dr. Behun mentioned that some of those answers
21 can be found through the approved clinical supervisor
22 because they need to fill out that application. He
23 noted over a dozen states recognize that credential
24 and believed they outline it better than anyone else
25 as far as best practice for counselors.

1 Mr. Barrett stated the supervision plan and and
2 then the supervisor acceptable to the Board in terms
3 of Act 4 could be molded to fit the LAC license
4 framework.

5 Mr. DeCriscio referred to the qualifying exam for
6 the LAC and reported that most states are requiring
7 the National Counselor Examination (NCE). He noted
8 that people step up to do the LPC are required to
9 take the Certified Clinical Mental Health Counselor
10 Examination and believed they should follow those
11 same guidelines.

12 Mr. Barrett explained that Act 4 does not write
13 in any additional exam requirement and believed they
14 could not do that in terms of the LAC. He noted
15 there is no language providing for an examination for
16 it and believe the intent from the General Assembly
17 was to turn their current supervision scheme into a
18 licensed practice.

19 Mr. Barrett further explained that there is no
20 ticket to entry other than the degree, and then once
21 they get the degree, they could apply for the LAC,
22 which allows them to start their supervised
23 experience. He noted that other states may have that
24 framework but did not think the General Assembly
25 wrote Act 4 in a way that allows that sort of

1 regulation.

2 Mr. Barrett noted the two baseline questions were
3 addressed, including whether there were any other
4 things in the supervision plan the Board wanted to
5 see outside of what is detailed in Act 4 and how the
6 Board felt about CE, which sounds like the Board will
7 be putting CE in there.]

8 ***

9 Regulatory Report - Status of Regulations

10 [Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed
11 Board members that the general revisions notice was
12 sent out, and 10 days are left for the comment
13 period. He reported not receiving any comments and
14 encouraged the public to review the package and
15 provide comments.]

16 ***

17 Legislative Report - No Report

18 ***

19 Report of Board Chairperson - No Report

20 [Michelle Santiago, Psy.D., NCC, CCMHC, LPC, Chair,
21 asked Mr. Webb how many completed LAC applications he
22 received and how many people now have an LAC in their
23 hand.

24 Mr. Webb noted receiving 371 applications for
25 associate professional counselor and issued 85

1 licenses. He noted the 371 applications have come in
2 since April 8.]

3 ***

4 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

5 ***

6 Public Comment

7 [Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed a
8 comment in chat from Lis Cristina Santamaria Garcia.
9 He informed Ms. Santamaria Garcia that the Board
10 considered her application today as well as the prior
11 application. He explained that the Board voted to
12 send out the Adjudication and Order, noting she
13 should receive that in the next couple of days after
14 it is processed, which will deal with the prior
15 application. He noted the Board will be sending
16 correspondence on the two other applications as far
17 as deficiencies in the applications through a letter.

18 Ms. Santamaria Garcia commented that she has two
19 applications, one for the LMFT and one for LPC. She
20 noted her original application for the LMFT dates to
21 December 2021 and expired because she had not
22 received a reply from the Board. She reported being
23 asked to submit an additional application from Board
24 Counsel. She mentioned that it has been going on for
25 over two years and has been through several members

1 of Board Counsel and members of the Board. She noted
2 her understanding is that she has one LMFT and one
3 LPC.

4 Ms. Santamaria Garcia expressed concern with the
5 LMFT application because the regulations say that the
6 hours have to be done in not less than 1.5 years but
7 no more than 6 years. She asked whether that means
8 she already completed her hours for the LMFT. She
9 noted being concerned that she started her LMFT hours
10 in 2019 and is going to be 6 years in 2025. She
11 asked whether she has to do the hours within 6 years
12 or that there cannot be more than 6 years passed that
13 she did her hours since the application.

14 Mr. Barrett explained that the hours have to be
15 earned within 6 years, so it is not within 6 years
16 like the application. He stated the details will be
17 laid out in the letter. he noted the final order for
18 the LPC application will be going out.

19 Ms. Santamaria Garcia asked whether the LPC is a
20 final order or a provisional denial because she
21 believed them both to be provisional denials.

22 Mr. Barrett explained that old application limits
23 expired and is the one the order is going out on,
24 which is why there is a provisional denial for the
25 new one, where they have to address each application

1 individually. He offered to answer any questions
2 once she receives the letters and documentation.

3 Ms. Santamaria Garcia mentioned that there has
4 been a long wait time to receive answers and
5 expressed concern as to whether she could appeal the
6 decision on the provisional denials.

7 Mr. Barrett explained that the letters will
8 detail the next steps she could take. He noted she
9 could appeal to the Board with provisional denials
10 and appeal to the Commonwealth Court for final
11 orders.

12 Ms. Santamaria Garcia requested clarification as
13 to whether the hours she completed do not expire even
14 if it has been more than 6 years.

15 Mr. Barrett explained that he cannot give a
16 finite answer because he is not looking at her
17 documents. He noted that generally under the
18 regulations that it is the time within the hours have
19 to be earned, not related to when the application is
20 submitted.

21 Ms. Santamaria Garcia asked whether the Board
22 could share the decisions with her at this time.

23 Mr. Barrett explained that it will all be spelled
24 out in the correspondence, which goes into more
25 detail than he could do in public session. He

1 apologized for her wait and offered to answer any
2 questions going forward.

3 Ms. Santamaria Garcia referred to the associate
4 license that just started and asked whether she could
5 apply for the associate license because she does not
6 fully have an LPC or LMFT.

7 Mr. Barrett explained that he cannot prejudge an
8 application but stated she needs the same educational
9 requirements as an LPC for the associate, where if
10 the hang up is on an educational requirement, it is
11 probably going to be the same result for the
12 associate.

13 Ms. Santamaria Garcia asked whether going through
14 this process precludes her from going through the
15 other process in parallel.

16 Mr. Barrett noted that it does not preclude her
17 from going through the other process.]

18 ***

19 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

20 ***

21 [The Board recessed from 1:05 p.m. till 1:24 p.m.]

22 ***

23 [Kimberly Early, LSW, attended 1:24 p.m.]

24 ***

25 [A Formal Hearing was held from 1:25 p.m. till

1 2:18 p.m. in the Matter of Katherine McHugh, LPCMH,
2 Case No. 23-69-013579.]

3 ***
4 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
5 at 2:18 p.m., the Board entered into Executive
6 Session with Sean C. Barrett, Esquire, Board Counsel,
7 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial
8 deliberations and to receive the advice of counsel.
9 The Board entered into public session at 2:25 p.m.]

10 ***

11 MR. BARRETT:

12 Item 37, the hearing in the Matter of
13 Cindy Bello, Case No. 23-69-013572, I
14 believe the Board Chair would entertain
15 a motion to direct counsel to draft and
16 Adjudication and Order consistent with
17 Executive Session discussion.

18 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

19 Could I have a motion, please?

20 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

21 So moved.

22 MS. EARLY:

23 Second.

24 CHAIR SANTIAGO:

25 Any other discussion, Board members?

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early, abstain.

[The motion carried. Kimberly Early abstained from
voting on the motion.]

MR. BARRETT:

Item 38, the hearing in the Matter of
Katherine McHugh, Case No. 23-69-
013579, based on Executive Session
deliberations and after the hearing, I
believe the Board Chair would entertain
a motion to grant the Application of
Katherine McHugh for a License as a
Professional Counselor.

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

Could I have a motion, please?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

So moved.

MS. EARLY:

Second.

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

Any other discussion? Seeing none and
hearing none. Could we have the roll
call vote, please?

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26

Santiago, aye; Claggett, aye; Behun,
aye; DeCriscio, aye; Early, aye.

[The motion carried unanimously.]

Adjournment

MR. BARRETT:

I think we could do a motion to
adjourn?

ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

So moved.

CHAIR SANTIAGO:

Second.

[There being no further business, the State Board of
Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, and
Professional Counselors Meeting adjourned at
2:29 p.m.]

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors meeting.

Rachel Wilbur-Adams,
Minute Clerk
Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS,
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
REFERENCE INDEX

June 11, 2024

	TIME	AGENDA
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10	9:00	Executive Session
11	11:00	Return to Open Session
12		
13	11:06	Official Call to Order
14		
15	11:06	Roll Call of Board Members
16		
17	11:07	Introduction of Attendees
18		
19	11:08	Amendment to the Agenda
20		
21	11:09	Approval of Minutes
22		
23	11:11	Report of Prosecutorial Division
24		
25	11:25	Report of Board Counsel
26		
27	11:31	Review of Applications
28		
29	11:52	Report of Board Counsel (cont.)
30		
31	11:56	Appointment - Formal Hearing - Cindy
32	12:33	Bello
33		
34	12:33	Regulatory Report
35		
36	12:57	Public Comment
37		
38	1:05	Recess
39	1:24	Return to Open Session
40		
41	1:25	Appointment - Hearing - Katherine
42	2:18	McHugh, LPCMH
43		
44	2:18	Executive Session
45	2:25	Return to Open Session
46		
47	2:25	Motions
48		
49	2:29	Adjournment
50		